

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 496

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A RESOLUTION to recognize the dedication of the City of White House and the Tyree Springs Civil War trail marker.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those notable sites of significant historical interest within the great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, White House, Tennessee is the site of an area of significance that recently gained further recognition for its historical importance by its inclusion in the Tennessee Civil War Trails program; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Civil War Trails program is part of a multi-state sustainable heritage tourism program that identifies, interprets and creates driving tours of both the greater campaigns and lesser known Civil War sites; and

WHEREAS, the City of White House will dedicate its new trail marker on May 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the new Civil War marker stands near the White House City Hall, just north of Tyree Springs; and

WHEREAS, north of the marker stood the Stage Coach Inn, or "The White House," from which the town is named; south of the marker is Tyree Springs, which is the halfway point between the Kentucky line and Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the small community was caught in the grip of war as thousands of soldiers with their wagons, livestock, and equipment travelled on the Louisville and Nashville Turnpike during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, early in 1862, Union General Don Carlos Buell's Army of the Ohio used this major north-south transportation route when it marched from Kentucky to Nashville; the Confederate cavalry, led by General John Hung Morgan, ambushed the leading division at Tyree Springs and continuously harassed Union forces along their line of march; and

WHEREAS, for a brief period during the mid-1850s, Tyree Springs was the home of the Western Military Institute as well as a celebrated summer resort; and

WHEREAS, the plentiful waters of Tyree Springs prompted both sides of the war to station troops there at different times; Ellis Harper first enlisted into Confederate service with the 30<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry at the Tyree Springs Hotel in 1861; and

WHEREAS, the hotel burned down in December 1862; and although an official cause was never named, many locals and southern newspapers attributed the fire to Union soldiers; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the unique history of White House and Tyree Springs, it is fitting that it be recognized with the placement of the Civil War Trails marker identifying it as an important site in Civil War history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we applaud the inclusion of White House and Tyree Springs on the Tennessee Civil War Trails program and commend the many outstanding community leaders of White House who made it possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.